A PARTICULAR

RELATION

OF THE

LATE SUCCESS

OF

His MAJESTIES Forces

at TANGIER against the MOORS.

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He 12th Instant arrived here the sweepflakes and other Vessels with three Troops of Horse, consisting of 150 Men, and with Stores and Provisions of War. The 15th, being the Morning after the New Moon appeared, the Alcayde sent Hamet with a White Flag, to acquaint Sir Palmes Fairborne our Lieutenant-Governor, That the Cessals was expired; and the same day

the Moors made several Shot at our Sentinels, and were Answered in the like kind. From the 15th to the 20th there passed nothing of Action: But a Council of War having been held, It was Resolved to March out, in order to the Recovering some of those Posts which the Enemy was in Possession of. Accordingly on the 20th, by break of day, the Horse Marched out at Catherine.

rina-Port, a small Party whereof being appointed to discover the Ground, our Governor the Lord Mordant, and Mr. Sheres our Surveyor-General being at the head of them, galloped up to the Ruines of Pole-Fort, where the Enemy used to have a strong Guard; but finding not so much as a Sentinel there, they advanced along the Ridge of the Hill to the ground whereon Monmouth-Fort stood, where likewise the Moors were wont to keep a constant Guard, which Post they also found deserted. In the mean time the Horse being posted in convenient stations, the Foot Marched out with all the filence possible, confisting of Four Battalions, and an Advanced Party of 200 Men Commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Talmash, the Earl of Plimouth, and several Gentlemen with him, being Voluntiers, who Marching up to the Ground of Pole-Fort took their Post there; Lieutenant-Collonel Sackville, with the Battalion of Guards, was Posted on the Right, upon the skirt of the faid Hill, on the Left of whom was a Battalion of the Old Regiment of the Garrison, Commanded by Captain Giles; the other two Battalions, drawn out of the Scotch Regiment, were on the Left of them, Commanded by Major Hackett, and Captain Spott, with a Company of Grenadiers Commanded by Captain Hodges. In the Spurr within the Stockades, before Catherine-Port, was Posted another Battalion of the Old Garrison, Commanded by Major Boynton. Vice-Admiral Herbert, with 500 Seamen, Marched out at the Sally-Port, on the South-East side of the Town, and possest the Ground between that and Cambridge-Fort, where they Entrencht themselves. The Parties being thus disposed, a competent number of Men, appointed for the Works, advanced, in order to their Intrenching on the Ground of Pole-Fort, where Major Beckman the Ingenier assigned them their Work. The Enemy by this time having taken the Allarme, came and lodged themselves upon our Old Line, betwixt James and Monmouth-Forts, from whence they plyed us very warmly with their Small-shot, the place lying wholly open to it; but our Men, encouraged by our Governor, who Commanded upon the Spott, notwithstanding the sharpness of the Service, went through with it; In the mean time small Parties were drawn out of the several Battalions, who advancing to the very Line where the Enemy was lodged, forced them thence; in which Service, a Party of Grenadiers, Commanded by Captain Hodges, behaved themselves very bravely. These Detachments were relieved by others, by which means the Enemy was constantly entertained, and our Works went on chearfully. By Night we had Intrenched and Stockaded in as much Ground, as received 500 men, who were lodged there, Commanded

Commanded by Lt. Colonel Sackville (my Lord Plimouth, my Lord Mordant, and most of the Gentlemen Volunteers bearing him company) Lieutenant-Colonel Talmash, Captain Kirke, Captain Lockart, Captain St. Johns, &c. commanding under him. In this days Action we had 5 men killed, 12 wounded; of the Horse several were shot in their Arms; and the Moors permitted us to retire without giving us any disturbance.

The 21, we marched out as early as the day before, with this difference only, that Major Boynton commanded a Battalion in the Field, and Captain Giles in the Place of Arms before Catherine-Port; having posted the several Battalions, we prosecuted our Works within our new Intrenchment by Blinds, Parrapets, and performing other Services for the strengthening the place, and securing our men; We possest our selves of those Advanced-Posts from whence the Enemy annoyed us at our Work. We also took possession of a Line on the right of Pole-Fort, where the Enemy had pitched their Colours with very little loss; and the ground we gained we kept; and in order to the fecuring our new Works, we began a Line from Pole-Fort, to the Left, to-vard Bridges-Fort; this day and the day before several of the Enemies Horse and Foot were killed; of ours 7 were flain, and 18 wounded; of the Horse several were shot in their Arms, and two Horses killed, and two more disabled; This night Major Hacket had the Guard in our New-Work at Pole-Fort, Captain Hodges, Captain Loudy, Captain Hume, &c. commanding under him.

The 22, we marched out early as before, taking Possession of the Ground, as formerly, by Detachements from our Battalions, a Party of Grenadiers of Vice-Admiral Herbert's Men being posted upon the Ground of Monmouth Fort. Some of the Moors Horse advanced very resolutely to the very Line where our Men were Lodged, but were repulsed, and several of them killed. Several of the Scotch Grenadiers, who were very active and daring, advancing to the Sand-Hills a little too far, and mixing with the Moors, were some of them killed, and others advancing to their relief, were likewise hard put to it. All this day the Enemy kept us in much Action, they pressing our Advanced-Parties very much who were affifted and fultained by the Horse, and maintained their Ground till night, when it was thought fit they should retire; and that they might the better doit, our Governor, who perceiving the Enemies strength to be encreased, as well by the number of Colours that appeared, as by their pressing us more this day than they had done hitherto, conjectured they would make some brisk Attempt upon our Retreat, provided for it by commanding Major Hacket with a Party to sustain the Rear, which proved of admirable use to us; for the Moors upon our retiring, immediately advanced, and came over our Lines, but were so well received by Major Hacket, that they soon retreated. In the Evening Vice-Admiral Herbert planted two Demy-Culverins at his Post, which did good Service; this day we had 8 Men killed, and 20 wounded.

Thus you have an Account of these three days proceedings, in which our Governor has shown as much Military Skill as Perso-

nal Bravery,

Vice-Admiral Herbert on this, as on all other occasions, has given Proofs of his Courage and Conduct. Major Beckman has shown himself a stout and able Man in his Profession; Lieutenant-Colonel sackville, Lieutenant-Colonel Talmash, Major Hacket, Captain Faltry, Captain Kirke, Lieutenant Bridgeman, and Lieutenant Fitz-Patricke, and all the other Officers as well English as scotch, have behaved themselves like brave and gallant Men; and all the Soldiers in general that were in the Actions deserve a like Commendation: The Gentlemen Volunteers have likewise approved themselves Men of Courage; And the Earl of Plimouth and the Lord Mordant, did not let any Action passeither on Foot or Horseback, in which they had not a share.

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In the SAVOT:

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